



71st Artillery Officer Is BG

Word has been received by the 71st Division Headquarters from the War Department that Colonel Frank A. Henning, commanding officer of the 71st Division Artillery, has been promoted to brigadier general.

Born in Lakota, N. D., July 13, 1896, General Henning received his appointment to the United States Military Academy from that state. He was graduated from West Point and was commissioned a second lieutenant July 2, 1920. General Henning was graduated from the Army War College in 1933, the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kas., in 1935, the field artillery basic course in 1931 and the advanced motor course in 1933. For four years, prior to his assignment to the 71st Division, he was in command of the 71st Artillery, which was attached to the General Staff Corps in Washington. His work was confined to supply problems for which he was officially commended.

He is married to the former Miss Celeste Lyman, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. E. J. Lyman. The Hennings have two sons, William D. and Frank A. III, 17; the latter is attending Sullivan's West Point Preparatory School, Washington, D. C.

Col. Wooten Commands 5th

Col. William H. Bigelow has been succeeded by Lt. Col. Sidney C. Wooten as regimental commander of the 5th Infantry. Col. Wooten, who was the regiment's last commander when the ex-commander received a new assignment.

Col. Bigelow has long been a familiar figure in the 5th Infantry having joined that regiment in 1925 as a second lieutenant, when the organization was stationed at Fort Williams, Me. After serving in various other units, Col. Bigelow rejoined the 5th at Camp Paraiso, Canal Zone, in December 1941. At that time he was major. He has been with the 5th ever since, assuming the command early in 1943 when the 5th returned to the States.

Commissioned a second lieutenant on June 12, 1925, he was appointed colonel on May 20, 1943. Thus, he has held every commissioning rank from second lieutenant to colonel while serving in the 5th Infantry. Colonel Bigelow was graduated from the United States Military Academy in June 1925.

PROPOSES DRAFT OF SINGLE GIRLS

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP)—Drafting of unemployed single women between 20 and 35 for service in the armed forces is proposed in a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York.

Post Hospital Now Regional

Fort Benning's Station hospital has been designated as a regional hospital and will serve as such for all military installations within a radius of 75 miles of Fort Benning or within three hours' ambulance travel time of the hospital, the War Department has announced.

Performing its functions as a station hospital the Benning installation had been serving installations within a radius of 25 miles or within one hour's ambulance driving time.

The newly designated regional hospital has available 3,000 beds, including Hospital Number 2 in the Harmony Church area. The latter will be pressed into service in the event that the situation demands it, hospital officials said.

The Fort Benning hospital will take care of zone of interior patients requiring prolonged hospitalization whose homes are located within the radius of 75 miles, or if the local hospital is the one located nearest to the patients' homes.

FUNCTIONS DEFINED

The War Department defines a regional hospital as a medical installation especially staffed and equipped to provide definitive medical, surgical and hospital care, except for those patients requiring specialized treatment provided for specifically in certain named general hospitals such as Lawson General in Atlanta.

A regional hospital provides hospitalization for the personnel at the base, post, camp, station, or area where it is located. Normally it will receive patients from station hospitals and dispensaries in a prescribed area, or if the local hospital is the one located nearest to the patients' homes. The staff of a regional station hospital will be made available to advise as to treatment and transfer of individual patients in station hospitals in the prescribed area served by the regional station hospital.

BOARDS AUTHORIZED

The War Department also provides that the commanding general of the Army Service Forces may authorize the appointment of disposition boards, physical reclassification boards, and retirement boards for officers, personnel of the Army Nurses Corps, physiotherapy aides, hospital dietitians, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel at named regional station hospitals under his command jurisdiction.

It also authorizes the Fort Benning hospital to establish detachments of patients.

United States Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black was in Fort Benning for a few days last week to visit his son, Hugo L. Black, Jr., who is a student in a family school officer candidate class. Justice Black was en route to Florida for a vacation.

Accompanied by his son and Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, Commandant, he spent most of one day witnessing various Infantry School demonstrations. Another son, Sterling, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Corps last year.

Hugo, Jr., normally would have been waiting for you when you step up to that table? Or



HE KNOWS HIS WEAPONS—Recognition of his outstanding and meritorious service as a weapons instructor in The Infantry School has come to Master Sergeant John Magoni of the Academic Regiment in the form of the Legion of Merit. Sergeant Magoni has served at Fort Benning for the last 24 years.—(Official U. S. Army Photo)

Veteran TIS Weapons Section Man Awarded Legion of Merit for Work

Master Sergeant John Magoni, known to Regular Army officers through the Infantry as "Jazz" Magoni, has been cited for the Legion of Merit by the War Department for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as an instructor with the Weapons Section, The Infantry School."

Sunday Service To Mark U.S. Independence

Special chapel services in celebration of the declaration of the independence of the United States have been scheduled for this forthcoming Sunday in two of the post's chapels, Major Paul King Buckles, acting Chief of Chaplains, announced Tuesday.

At the Main Post chapel members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment will attend a patriotic service at 9:15 a. m. The service will be conducted by Chaplain John A. Roder, and Chaplain Earl R. Sider will speak on the subject "Our National Anthem."

On Sunday members of the Truck Regiment of The Infantry School will attend a special independence service at Theater No. 11 in the Harmony Church area at 12 o'clock. Chaplain M. J. Hendrich, regimental chaplain, said.

The service will include a sermon by Acting Post Chaplain Buckles; music by the 218th Army Band; vocal selections by the Wings of the Army Chorus of the 144th Battalion.

At the 144th Battalion chapel, Cpl. Joseph Cole, Co. A, Service Battalion, 3d STR; and songs by the Quartet of the Second Battalion, 144th Battalion, 2d Army, have also been invited.

Truck Regiment attendance will be headed by Col. Hans C. Jespersen, commanding officer of the regiment.

OFF-LIMITS

O'Neal's Place, Opelika Road, Phenix City, Alabama, has been placed "off limits" for all members of the Army, Fort Benning Headquarters announced today.

Blood Bank To Start Bleeding Next Monday

The Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank Unit will reach Fort Benning Sunday night and will be ready to start collecting blood at 8 o'clock Monday morning, Murray E. Hill, field director of the Fort Benning Chapter of the American Red Cross, said today.

The unit will be set up in Ward A-1 of the Regional Hospital, with bleeding scheduled from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. each day of the five-day visit. A daily minimum quota of 220 pints of blood has been set for the unit's visit, its fifth to Fort Benning.

A change in the schedule for July 5 has been made because civilian donors took only one hour of the three originally allotted to them, Mr. Hill said. The unused time has been divided equally between Infantry School units and WACs, who oversubscribed their quotas. The extra time given the WACs three hours on July 5, with a total of 109 WAC donors.

The Infantry School also will provide donors for the blood donor unit during the five days of its stay here.

Mr. Hill pointed out that the schedule of 220 donors per day can be maintained only if donors are careful to follow instructions about proper eating before bleeding, and if they are prompt in filling appointments. Donors must be present in Ward A-1 at least 15 minutes in advance of the time scheduled for bleeding to start.

He warned that blood is useless if a donor has eaten fats, cream, eggs, meat, soups, oils, grease, mayonnaise or cheese during the four hours immediately prior to bleeding. These foods could be blood, making the plasma unsafe to administer to wounded men.

HELPED BUILD TIS

"Sergeant Magoni had earned the right to such an award long before the war," said the major. See VETERAN, Page 8

Water Safety Course Slated

Water safety instructions aimed at the prevention of casualties among American soldiers whose lives might be imperiled by ship sinkings or other emergencies will be given to a large group of Fort Benning enlisted men at Russ Pool starting next Monday, July 3, under the auspices of the American Red Cross.

The big class will be instructed by Harry H. Lyon, a ten-year veteran of the Red Cross water safety and swimming research. Lyon, who is expected to arrive over the week-end will conduct the classes every morning for two weeks. At the conclusion of that period, it is expected that all of the students will be prepared to carry on the instruction with men of their own units.

Lt. Col. Alexander H. Veazey, post athletic officer and head of the FBAA which operated Russ Pool, stated early this week that the full complement of the class, according to Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will, director of training at Post Headquarters, who is making preliminary plans for the water safety course in collaboration with Murray E. Hill, field director of the Red Cross here.

The Red Cross expert will come to the Fort with enough equipment and instructional material for the full complement of the class, according to Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will, director of training at Post Headquarters, who is making preliminary plans for the water safety course in collaboration with Murray E. Hill, field director of the Red Cross here.

EMERGENCY SWIMMING

The two week course will give the low-down in realistic fashion on emergency swimming. Demonstrations in Russ Pool are expected to include everything from swimming through water, oil to the water, life-saving and converting clothing, barracks bags and other standard G. I. equipment into life-saving devices.

Most impressive of the methods will be taught to the Benning students will be that of moving a wounded man across a body of water with no other more at hand than a Medical Corps litter. Four men will be shown how to remove their trousers, tie up their legs and inflate them. These are put under the handles of the litter, thus making an improvised watercraft. The extra time given the WACs three hours on July 5, with a total of 109 WAC donors.

SWIM IN BLAZING OIL

Lyon will also demonstrate how to swim through blazing oil by wading in the water above him to quench the flames. He will also teach the men to swim. See WATER, Page 8

'Perk-Up' Is Snappy Revue

Slated for outdoor performances in six different areas of the post, "Perk Up," USO-Camp Show's newest and snappiest revue, will breeze into camp on Monday for a week of entertainment, including a July 4th performance in Doughboy Stadium.

Announcement of the definite schedule of performances for the musical extravaganza was made early this week by Lt. Col. Alexander H. Veazey, post special service officer, who stated that all performances will be outdoors.

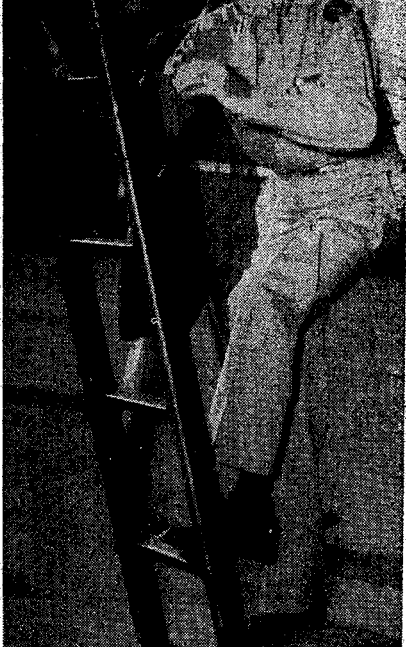
"Perk Up" will open on Monday night in the Hite Bowl over in the Alabama Training Area where the paratroopers will get the first look-see at the pretty and hilarious comedians. On Tuesday, the show moves into Doughboy Stadium for a gala performance on the night of July 4th.

Wednesday night, the lads of the 71st Division out Sand Hill way will see "Perk Up" at an as yet unnamed outdoor setting. Thursday, the show will be staged in the McMillan Bowl of the 4th Infantry in Harmony Church, while Friday will see "Perk Up" performing at the 3d STR Army unit also in the Harmony Church area.

On Saturday night, the revue will wind up its legions of appearances with a show at the Reception Center Ball Park. Tentative plans are also being made for an early evening performance on July 4th at Lawson Field.

All regularly scheduled shows will begin at 8:45 p. m. In the event of inclement weather, however, the show will be moved indoors to the nearest War Department Theater and replace the normal showing of the movie scheduled for that night.

Headed by M. C. Ben McAttee from Mobile, Alabama, with his natural southern drawl and individual style of clogging-up, the "Perk Up" company substantiates a See PERK-UP, Page 8



FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK—Major General Charles H. Bonesteel boards his plane at Lawson Field for San Francisco where he will assume his new and important duties as Western Defense Commander. (U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School)

Bonesteel Arrives At Frisco Post

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, former Commandant of The Infantry School, has arrived in San Francisco to assume new duties as Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, headquarters of The Infantry School was advised Wednesday.

General Bonesteel, accompanied by Brig. Gen. William H. Wilbur, who will be his Chief of Staff, and Capt. D. W. Ross, his aide-de-camp, left Lawson Field Tuesday morning and flew to Phoenix, Ariz., completing the hop to the coast today.

Until General Bonesteel's successor as Commandant is announced Brig. Gen. George H. Weems will serve as acting Commandant.

All of the high ranking officers in Fort Benning, including the Commandant's staff, commanders of School Troops Brigade units and Chiefs of Sections within The Infantry School, along with civilian guests, were present when the General and his party departed.

Guests were drawn up in a long line flanking troops representing the various units in the School.

Included in the troops were the 3d, 4th and 176th Infantry regiments; 870th and 871st Artillery battalions; 742nd Tank Battalion, 809th Tank Destroyer Battalion, the Truck Regiment and the 218th Army Band.

As the Commandant arrived at the field, a salute of 13 guns was fired. After inspecting the troops drawn up in a front extending nearly three-quarters of a mile, the Commandant went down the long line and shook hands with each of the officers who have served under him.

To each of them he spoke a little note of appreciation, recalling various individual items of mutual association.

"Your committee is doing a splendid job." "Don't forget that idea we're talking about in reference to—" "Glad you're feeling all right again and—" "I'll write you about that as soon as I get settled down."

And so the parting went.

Among the general officers present to see him off were Maj. Gen. Robert L. Spragins, Commanding General of the 71st Division; General Weems; Brig. Gen. Henry P. Perrine, Commanding General of the School Troops Brigade; Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, Commandant of the Parachute School and Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Commanding General of Fort Benning.

Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, retired former commander of Fort Benning, was also present.

Pay Day To Boost LC(I) Campaign

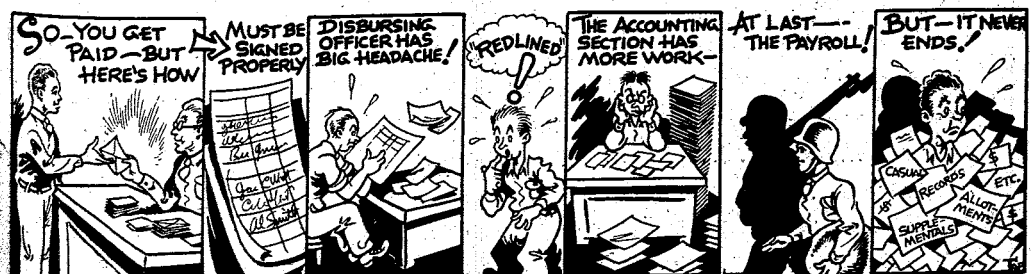
With cash war bonds sales at Fort Benning lagging during the past week and the goal of \$700,000 in cash set for the purchase of a landing craft infantry, some \$377,000 away, post and unit war bond officers are looking to pay-day tomorrow to carry the post over the hump on its way to its objective, Captain Thomas M. Robinson, post war bond officer, said Wednesday.

Unit war bond officers are expected to make arrangements to provide soldiers with the opportunity to sell bonds for cash to receive their monthly pay Friday.

Meanwhile, the war bond officers have made arrangements with Columbus banks and the Columbus Motor Corps women to provide 20 bond salesmen and saleswomen to sell bonds for cash to receive their monthly pay Friday. The bond salesmen will be at The Parachute School during the morning hours and at The Infantry School Friday afternoon. This arrangement was made for these particular installations because of the fact that there are so many transient officers and enlisted men taking various courses in these schools who will want to make cash purchases of war bonds this pay day.

Captain Robinson announced that bond salesmen would be at the personnel office, 542nd PCH Inf., at 10 a. m.; at the 2nd PTR area gymnasium at 3 p. m.; at special troops headquarters, TFS, at 10:30 a. m.; at 3d Battalion headquarters, 1st PTR, at 10 a. m.; at headquarters, Academic Regiment, at 12 noon; at 1st STR headquarters, 2 p. m.; at Truck Regiment headquarters at 2 p. m.; at headquarters, 742nd Tank Battalion, at 2 a. m.; at headquarters. See PAY DAY, Page 8

Drawing Pay Easier Than Making Up Payroll



So you'll step up to that table tomorrow—together with thousands of other GI's at Fort Benning—loss of a snappy salute and know that that thrill that comes when the paying officer hands you that envelope. Because tomorrow is pay-day—as though you didn't remember that—and the amount paid in cash is what's left after various and sundry deductions for bonds, family allowances, insurances, etc., have been made. But do you have any idea as to how that cash comes to be waiting for you when you step up to that table? Or how it comes about that you've been "redlined" (although actually they don't use the red pencil through the name any more) and won't draw any pay this particular day. Well, it all starts with the personnel of your own organization. That office has to make up the payroll. And has to do it correctly or you won't get paid. And if you don't get paid, you can't draw your money. It's a perfectly simple task for the men of the personnel section to make up a payroll, just try helping them once yourself. Each man's name must be entered and properly spelled of course, and all deductions must be properly shown opposite your name. And then under each man's name must be entered various types of stoppage of pay—C.M. fines, subsistence charges and deductions incurred at another station, and numerous other See DRAWING, Page 8

Sgt. Metcalf Rounds Out 30 Years of Army Service

Fifty-three-year-old Sanford G. Metcalf, First Sergeant of Headquarters Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, thanks Uncle Sam for many things, good health, travel, and excellent care and attention... but he thanks him most for the opportunity which brought him in contact with Mrs. Metcalf.

With only seven and a half months remaining, Sergeant Metcalf will have rounded out exactly 30 years in the service, and as seriously states, "If I had my life to live over again, I'd do exactly what I've done these many years." During this entire time, Sergeant Metcalf has never been a patient in any hospital and credits his present-day good health to the military discipline, good food, plenty of rest, and content of mind. Joining the service at the age of 24, when throughout his career considerable talk was being directed at Mexico, Sergeant Metcalf had to console his parents that his enlistment would only be for a short duration.

BORDER ACTION
Following his basic training he was promoted to corporal and from then on, at reasonable intervals, received future promotions until becoming first sergeant in 1927. Possessor of the Mexican Service Ribbon, Metcalf has been along the border. Following the World War, which found Sergeant Metcalf in various camps throughout the country, he enlisted in replacement for overseas.

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and spent three years with the Army of Occupation, during which time he met and married "Mrs. Metcalf," a native of Germany. Comparing the soldiers of 1917 with the men of today, Metcalf said, "The troops of today are better trained for one thing; they have more to learn than the men in World War I, and I believe they are better educated today, which probably accounts for their ability to learn quicker."

Referring to his play in Germany, Sergeant Metcalf stated he was very much impressed with the German people. "Of course he recalls, 'They weren't the gang of Hitler gangsters that were there today.' After returning to the United States, he was transferred to various camps throughout the country. In 1936 he went to Panama, and was there until 1938.

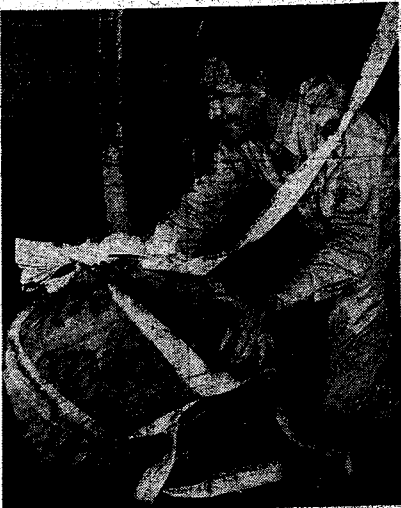
30 YEARS
Sergeant Metcalf was with the 4th Division when it arrived at Fort Benning in 1940, and has been at this reservation ever since. Turning the pages of the calendar to February 1945, Sergeant Metcalf points with pride to the 14th or 15th of the month, which will celebrate his thirtieth year in government military service.

Asked if he intended to continue along, Sergeant Metcalf beamed and said, "If my health continues to be good, I think I'll stay in the army. It's pretty hard for an old-war-horse to release the harness after all these years."

Besides his wife, Sergeant Metcalf has five children, Edie, 21, who is taking a nursing course in the Columbus Hospital; John, a member of the Army Air Corps, is in the Westover Field, Massachusetts; Manfred, 18, who is awaiting call to the service; Beulah, 16, student and Betty, 13, a student and respected by the officers and enlisted personnel of the 1st Student Training Regiment, all watch Sergeant Metcalf sprint for the six o'clock bus for his home in Columbus. All agree "He's a remarkable man for his years."

Cpl. John Alford, of Haines City, Fla., went overseas about two years ago. Before he left, he turned in a pair of trousers to the supply sergeant. For 24 months Alford was busy in both the American and European Theaters of operations, picking up the Purple Heart and campaign ribbons as he went along. Then he was sent to Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Ga. Upon his recovery, the Corporal decided he would like to visit town and asked for a pair of khaki trousers. Patient's Supply promptly furnished him with a perfect fit. The reason why they were the same trousers had turned in two years before. His name was stenciled inside!

Here lies the body of Private Grogan. He died of a heart attack. His cleaning was promised for Tuesday. And on Tuesday he got it back.



SGT. CLARENCE D. NORTON test drops a parachute, made by his father, high above the training area at The Parachute School. The chute shown is the parachute in which his father met his death in 1916.—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Trooper Recalls Dangerous Thrills Of Jumping In Its Infancy

Long before the Army had seriously considered the landing of men from airplanes via the method of parachutes, Sergeant Clarence D. Norton of The Parachute School had already made twelve parachute jumps from his uncle's balcony back in 1937 when the development of a parachute was still in its embryonic stage.

According to Sergeant Norton, who is now assigned to the Maintenance section of The Parachute School, parachute jumping was nothing more than a dangerous thrill watched by large crowds which netted about three hundred dollars a performance. The performers risked their lives continuously to earn a living and to advance the science of parachuting. After years of such dangerous practice, the rate of injury and danger has been reduced to a minimum.

Now, parachutes are used in the Army as a modern and effective means of transporting men and supplies from the air to their objectives. The Parachute School boasts a remarkable injury rate of less than one per cent with descending from parachutes.

The major change the old-time chute had undergone was in the harness. The parachute used by Sergeant Norton in his 12 jumps had no harness but a broad belt which left him hanging on one strap that suspended from an iron ring which held the suspension lines. Above the strap was an acrobat's wooden bar on which he performed his stunts that thrilled the crowd.

Sergeant Norton lived in Detroit, Michigan, before entering the army. Because of his previous experience and interest in parachutes, he volunteered for parachute duty in October 1942, and after basic training was sent for parachute training at The Parachute School.

Enthusiasm for parachuting from balloons grew from Sergeant Norton's father, "Professor" William Norton and his uncle "Professor" Luther Dennis, both widely known professional balloonists of Franklin, Indiana, who toured the states in demonstration of their daring feats long before the perfection of parachutes in 1915.

The original parachute with which his father made 900 jumps is still in possession of Sergeant Norton, who displays it to interested visitors at the maintenance office.

Norton's father met his death in 1916, while on one of his numerous tours. The tragedy occurred before a Labor Day gathering which had turned out to witness the famous aerialist in his first double parachute jump from his self-constructed and designed parachute.

According to the old newspaper clippings still in Sergeant Norton's possession announcing the death of the great balloonist, the first chute opened after he cut himself from the balloon. Norton then descended about fifty feet and released the first parachute. Norton plummeted down to about two hundred feet before the highest crowd realized that the white cloth trailing him would not inflate.

Sergeant Norton made a nation-wide tour in 1940 with his uncle, "Professor" Dennis, a man even more renowned than his father had been. "Professor" Dennis had amassed 2500 ascensions and jumps to his credit until his retirement in 1940 at the age of 61.

In comparison to the modern silk and nylon parachutes used by The Parachute School, students, and the Army parachute, the ancient parachute in Sergeant Norton's possession is made of cotton broadcloth. The basic pattern is similar to our present day parachute.

They Know All About D-Day

Officers of the 8th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, should never forget D-Day, for their actions on the night of June 5th closely paralleled those of men like them, some 3,000 miles away.

The place was Fort Benning, but for the space of a few hours, plus a little imagination, it might have been along the coast of Normandy where the Allies had begun their great invasion... the push which the world had been waiting for these many months.

This occasion was a night attack problem in which the enemy on Hill 47 was simulated, and their fire, mostly harmless cracks of power charges, caused not a single casualty. It was not until early the following morning that the members of this night attack problem learned that their mock attack had been launched with a few hours of the grim and very real push was being made by our forces upon the continent of Europe.

Every member of the 8th Company feels as if he knows what it must have been like.

have 28 suspension lines and are capable of supporting 450 pounds on each line. Sergeant Norton relates his experience that jumping from a balloon is not accompanied by an opening shock which usually follows the opening of a silk and nylon. Because of the lack of the sudden jerk when inflating, parachutes made of cotton afford sufficient strength.

CREDIT FOR LIFE TO 'CHUTE PACKER
AVON PARK, Fla.—(ALNS)—Sgt. Sam Fein, Sec. D (Sub-depot), packs parachutes here.

Flight Officer Harry Means, working in the bomb bay of a plane at 2,000 feet, was thrown into free air when the plane hit an air current and lurched. The officer's chute opened and he landed in Lake Kissimee, damp but safe. He then looked up Fein to thank the sergeant for his care in packing the chute.

"Saved my life," said the flight officer. "That makes the job seem worth while," replied the sergeant.

Dear Old Lady: "Are you a little boy or a little girl?" Top, Junior: "Look, lady, what the hell else could I be?"

1st STR Officer Took 16 Jap Bullets In Torso

Capt. Donald C. McCoppen of this war. They are everywhere, right behind the troops, and just as soon as casualties appear, they are right on the job, attending the stricken soldier.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. McCoppen of Brooklyn, N. Y., Captain McCoppen is married and resides with his wife in Columbus, Georgia.

G. I. BILL REASON FOR NEW DEGREE
PRINCETON, N. J.—(ALNS) In order to accommodate itself to the program of veterans' education provided in The American Legion-sponsored G. I. Bill of Rights, Princeton University will award a new degree, "Associate in Arts," to veterans who complete two years of study. The Bachelor of Arts degree will still require four years of study to obtain.

"The American soldier is far superior to the Jap," says the veteran officer, "but their tricky and erratic fighting makes them a difficult foe to disclose, once they are properly dug-in. The Purple Heart, and the Silver Star, for gallantry in action, Captain McCoppen is of the opinion, the training of the recruits should include more cover and concealment instruction. He believes also, he said, that the veteran officers from these areas should discuss more freely the errors and omissions that their respective units made, in order that the troops who engage the enemy in this theater, will not make the same."

Praising Maj. William Naylor, who commanded the American forces that attacked the New Georgia island, Captain McCoppen said, "I cannot speak too highly of our Battalion Commander, for his plan of attack, and ability to maintain the morale of the men, accounted for our great victory over the enemy."

Asked what he thought of the army medical corps, McCoppen stated, "The men who represent our medical detachments are without a doubt the unsung heroes of the war."

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It's Still 'Walking Infantry,' Says Trooper After Escape

It's still the walking infantry, as far as Sergeant Ralph Astin, a trooper who escaped from an Italian prisoner of war camp, is concerned. Sergeant Astin's view is no doubt the result of his remarkable experience when he escaped an estimated 400 miles from the Italian Peninsula to the region east of Naples where he finally met with a group of New Zealanders—his first contact with friendly troops since his escape three months before.

Here is the story: Sergeant Astin was one of 30 troopers dropped on the night of December 26, 1942, in a demolition mission deep behind the German lines in Tunisia. Their objectives were a railroad and a railroad bridge. The road and its equipment were destroyed without mishap and a railway located the railroad which was out of "out." Looking over the bridge required a bit of climbing, and since it was getting dark, the men decided to wait until the morning and assemble here at night for the job. German searching parties were scouring the countryside for them at this point and shortly after noon of the 27th, they were set upon by the enemy and rounded up individually and by groups. "A couple of buddies were with me down in the bottom of a deep hole," Astin recounted, "and when the Germans began firing down the hole we had to give up." Twenty-three were captured and seven escaped according to Sergeant Astin's information, making their way back to the base.

PRISON DESCRIBED.

After some weeks at Transit Prison Camps in Tunis and Palermo, the men were interned at an Italian prisoner compound in northern Italy. The place was close to the Adriatic sea. The camp itself was comprised of sixteen long barracks, each holding about a hundred men, a small hospital, and several incidental buildings. The camp was surrounded by a high wall topped with a wire and was lit-up at night. There was an armed guard stationed every 50 feet along the wall.

Sergeant Astin and his fellow troopers were treated fairly well by their captors. Thanks to the Red Cross, the life wasn't too bad, the Sergeant reports.

The troopers were constantly planning ways and means of escaping but every scheme seemed to be thwarted before it got underway. It was finally discovered that the Germans were being tipped off by the very guards our men had bribed and were depending upon for help. Sergeant Astin made up his mind then and there he would work alone if necessary, but escape he must.

On September 8, the Italian capitulated and the commandant of the prison announced that the men would shortly be returned to their own troops. When, after a week had gone by, with no action taken, a rumor circulated that the Germans were planning to move the prisoners out of Italy and keep them in Germany. Nearly all the British and Americans decided to make a mass-break on the night of September 15, 1943. Some time before the appointed hour firing broke out all over the camp. Sergeant Astin thought he saw a chance, and with three other paratroopers, made a dash for it.

BULLETS FLY.

As bullets were flying all around, he said, but none of us were hit and we were able to reach an Italian farmhouse about ten miles back in the hills. "This was just before dawn of the 16th. The Italians at this farm were the right sort, and had heard Marshall Boglietti, a radio that the Italian would cooperate with the Allies according to the agreement. Accordingly, they fed us and sheltered us while we spent the intervening week planning on what to do next. My three companions wanted to wait until the Allied troops found their way in to northern Italy, but I was against this plan and determined to set out alone for our lines regardless of the distance."

Thus began one of the longest one-man forced marches of this war. Having no compass, traveling mostly at night, Astin made his way generally southward. Sometimes he had to pass by large German concentrations and several times he was within an ace of discovery and recapture. He figures he was well below Rome when he came upon the rear of the main German forward wall in Italy.

"I spent the next three days holding my breath and keeping down, while carefully picking my way through the night. The German sentries were generally retrained from such harrowing details, one gathers that there was practically no eating, drinking, or sleeping during this especially critical phase of his journey. Having successfully negotiated the Italian lines, Astin kept going south until he was picked up by a patrol of New Zealanders just east of Naples. This was the evening of February 4 or 5, 1943.

WEAK, FEVERISH.

Sergeant Astin was very weak and feverish from yellow jaundice contracted on his trip. He was assigned to quarters with a sizeable crowd of other troops of several nationalities, all Allied, including Greeks, Slavs, and even native Africans. He was only there one day, however, when a captain from an American Airborne unit heard of his case and promptly arranged for him to be relieved in the relatively luxurious quarters of an Air Force officer who was away at the time. He was subsequently flown to Casablanca via Naples and Algiers. After a stay in a hospital there he was returned to the Station Hospital at Camp Patrick Henry, Va., and, at long last, he arrived at his parent's home in Macon, Georgia, in January of this year.

Twenty-three years old, but very mature in manner and bearing, Sergeant Astin is at present on active duty with the Special Service Section of The Parachute School here. He says he is feeling very fit and has applied for duty overseas in order to help get the war finished and the victory won.



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—U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Cpl. Tony Carrington.

Lts. Under 32 May Transfer To Infantry

Opportunity now is given lieutenants under 32 years of age on duty in continental United States to volunteer for transfers to the Infantry in view of the large number of enlisted men who are transferring to this arm of the service. To emphasize the importance attached to the provisions of its directive, the War Department makes it mandatory that the instructions be read by every recruit within 48 hours of its receipt.

More than 20,000 enlisted men—approximately the equivalent of the personnel in one and one-half divisions—have been transferred at their own request to the Infantry from other arms and services. It was revealed today by the War Department, which at the same time announced provisions under which lieutenants in certain categories also may volunteer for assignment with the Infantry.

With certain exceptions to the general rule which prohibits transfer of officers between the Army Ground Forces, the Army Air Forces, and the Army Service Forces, any physically qualified lieutenants wishing to volunteer may make written request through military channels to The Adjutant General, accompanied by a request with a certified copy of his qualification card showing experience and training by branch. In order to qualify for transfer, the individual must meet the high physical standards required for duty in the Infantry. Commanders of units or installations in which the officer is assigned will certify as to his qualification for this type of duty. Only the War Department may disapprove the request.

Physically qualified lieutenants also may apply specifically for parachute training. The War Department stated. Applications for parachute training will be submitted through channels to Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, and must be accompanied by required information and a certificate stating willingness to perform frequent aerial flights and parachute jumps.

Due to military necessity, certain lieutenants are prohibited from applying for transfer. These include officers assigned to pools in Zone of the Interior Personnel Replacement Depots; those assigned to units alerted for overseas duty; pilots, or aviation students in flying phases of training; and officers assigned to combat units of Army Air Forces and Army Service Forces.

Provision for the voluntary transfer of enlisted men under the age of 32 to the Infantry from other arms and services was announced in April by the War Department. Individual transfers to the Infantry are being received in large numbers, the current number of applications being processed by The Adjutant General averaging 200 daily.

THE CIRCULAR

Section IV of WD Circular No. 223, dated 8 June 1944, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"IV—TRANSFER.—1. Any lieutenant, under 32 years of age, within the continental limits of the United States, who is physically qualified for overseas duty under the provisions of "Preparation for Overseas Movement" (POM), may volunteer for assignment and duty in the Infantry (subject to War Department approval) except the following:

a. Officers assigned to units which are alerted for, or under movement orders for overseas service. See POM for definition of a unit.

b. Officers assigned to pools in zone of the interior personnel replacement depots.

c. Army Air Forces personnel as follows:

(1) Aviation students in flying phases of their training.

(2) Officers in Army Air Forces flying, technical, or factory schools.

(3) Pilots and members of air crews.

d. Officers assigned to combat units of Army Service Forces and Army Air Forces.

e. Officers on flying status.

f. Officers of the Women's Army Corps.

2. Lieutenants desiring to volunteer will make written request, through channels to The Adjutant General without delay for appropriate action. A certified copy of Officers and Warrant Officers Qualification Card (WD Form No. 66-1, 66-2, or 66-3) showing the completion of enlisted men's special service schools, and the prior service on an enlisted status, as required in paragraph 8p (3) and (5), AR 605-90 (C 3, 28 January 1943), including the experience and training by branch, will accompany the request.

b. Lieutenants desiring to volunteer for parachute training, in addition to information as required in a. above will include W. D. A. G. O. Form No. 63 (Report of Physical Examination) properly executed, and a certificate of willingness to perform frequent aerial flights and parachute jumps in the performance of parachute training and duty. Physical qualification for acceptance for parachute training are published in AR 40-100 (C 6, 12 October 1943). Applications for parachute training will be submitted through channels to the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

3. Commanders of units or installations to which the officer is assigned will certify as to his physical qualifications, and take other action by forwarding authorities will be confined to recommendations regarding the merits of the case. Officers presently assigned to Army Ground Forces may be reassigned by the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, without reference to the War Department. Only those cases in which the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, recommends disapproval will be forwarded to The Adjutant General. The Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, will report monthly to The Adjutant General by station, and organization only the number of men transferred within that command under the provisions of this circular. Disapproval will be only by the War Department.

4. No specific replacements will be provided. Standard requisitioning procedures will govern in obtaining replacements.

5. All commanders concerned are charged with the responsibility of giving wide publicity to these instructions and will require officers under their jurisdiction to read this circular within 48 hours of its receipt.

The Bayonet, Thursday, June 29, 1944

'Coronet' Publishes Former Benning Officer's Article

An article by M. S. Dank entitled "Volcano on Rampage," dealing with the havoc wreaked by the eruption of Mount Pele on Martinique Island in May, 1902, is published in the July issue of "Coronet."

The author was recently stationed at Fort Benning and for several weeks was attached to the Public Relations Office at Post Headquarters where he assisted with radio programs broadcast by the PRO.

Later he was retired to an inactive duty status and returned to his position with the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York.

AMERICAN DIVISIONS IN FRANCE

A Who's Who that tells where American divisions fought against Germans on the Cherbourg Peninsula and gives highlights of their past combat records is featured in the July 7th issue of YANK, The Army Weekly, on sale at Post Exchanges and Ship's Services on June 30th.

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Paratroopers Seek More Volunteers

Volunteers for parachute troops are being accepted from all branches of the Army, the Department informs The Bayonet. Since last fall, applications had been accepted only from personnel at Infantry and Artillery Recruit Training Centers, the placement station, but under the new policy physically qualified officers and enlisted men under 35 years of age in other Army Ground Forces organizations, or Army Air Forces or Army Service Forces units are eligible for transfer, with the exception of certain highly skilled men in critical assignments.

RC Chorus To Sing At Memphis

War bond-minded colored citizens of Memphis, Tennessee, to top its unprecedented goal of \$4,000,000 in the Fifth War Loan Drive, have selected the famed Reception Center Chorus of Fort Benning as their rallying point Friday, June 30, when they hold a mammoth war bond rally at Ellis Auditorium. The chorus, now known wherever the colors of "Old Glory" fly, will share equal honors with Beale Street's "Memphis Blues" band, the venerable William C. Handy, "Daddy of the Blues."

Through arrangements made with Colonel John P. Ederly, commanding officer of the Reception Center, and the Post public relations office, under direction of Lt. Richard E. Tukey, the chorus members will leave this week for the Bluff City, Handy, who more than twenty-five years ago, penned the words and music of his "Memphis Blues" near the old Ole Man River, will return from his New York home for the climactic stages of the war bond campaign.

Tentative plans call for a coast-to-coast broadcast of the war bond rally, Lt. George W. Lee, chairman of the Negro division of Shelby County War Finance Committee, has stated. Facilities of all four local radio stations have been made available at the Reception Center Chorus will also be featured in several war bond campaigns over the air. Having already participated in a number of bond drives, the Reception Center chorus will be making its most extended trip on such a mission since its formation when it appears in Memphis this weekend.

Individual consentment: A pretty young girl was walking in the woods and decided to take a dip in the lake. She undressed and hung her clothes on a tree. In a short time she spied an officer coming in that direction, so she hid behind the nearest tree. He marched up and called out, "Camouflage company, dismissed." And all the trees marched off.

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IN ORDER TO QUALIFY for authorization to carry weapons while handling WAC payrolls, certain commissioned and enlisted members of The Infantry School WAC Detachments were given a brief course of instruction in small arms by the Weapons Section this week. Pictured above during a "dry run" on the M3 sub-machine gun are (left to right) Cpl. Edwin O'Bryan, enlisted instructor, coaching Lt. Frances Van Nise, commanding officer of WAC Detachment Two, TIS; and Sgt. William F. Hanson coaching 1st Sgt. Mildred Smutny, also of WAC Two. Other weapons fired during the course were the pistol and the carbine. The class of WACs, the first to fire at the school, included Capt. Mary E. Moynahan, Lt. Gladys Schreck, and 1st Sgt. Mary C. Brooks, of WAC Detachment One, TIS; Lt. Bernice L. Marshall, of WAC Two TIS; Capt. Margaret E. Riley, personnel adjutant of the Academic Regiment; and Lt. Marjorie J. Walsh, of the Weapons Section. The instruction detail, headed by Capt. J. F. Casey, was composed of enlisted men from C Company, Academic Regiment, on duty with the M1 Rifle Committee. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

TIS Officers Silver Starred

Two Infantry School officers at Fort Benning have been decorated with the Silver Star by the General under whom they served in Italy. The officers decorated for gallantry in action were Capt. John Mazzeo of Easton, Pa., and 1st Lt. Frank E. Burgher of Hamburg, N. J. The officer who decorated them was Brig. Gen. William H. Wilbur, "former assistant commander of the 36th Division. Both of the officers are former aides-de-camp of General Wilbur and are now assigned to the Weapons Section, The Infantry School. At the time of the action for which he was cited, Captain Mazzeo was leader of an 81 mm mortar platoon while Lieutenant Burgher was an aide to General Wilbur.

TERMED 'WILDCAT'
Captain Mazzeo was described by General Wilbur as a "wildcat on the battlefield." He added, "Captain Mazzeo went in swinging with a grenade in one hand and a revolver in the other. He simply knew no fear." The particular action for which Captain Mazzeo was decorated took place at the Rapido River. He was assigned the task of guiding a battalion toward a footbridge which would facilitate their crossing of the river which was under heavy enemy fire. He made two reconnaissance missions under cover of darkness and found the bridge site under artillery and mortar fire. Using the information he obtained, the battalion moved up and under the direction installed a footbridge which made possible the crossing, and the eventual establishment of a beachhead. During this action he was wounded. One of the unusual experiences that he had was to discover, after a night of fighting, that his company of men, then numbering 24, was defending—and successfully—800 yards of front line. Captain Mazzeo entered service in 1941. He is well known in Central Pennsylvania as a baseball umpire in the Bi-State league. Captain Mazzeo also holds the

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Curran Wins Silver Star

For gallantry in action in the Italian campaign last fall, Second Lieutenant James J. Curran received the Silver Star Award during ceremonies given in his honor on the 2nd battalion parade ground, Reception Center, Friday afternoon, June 22nd.

In the presence of Colonel John P. Ederly, Commanding Officer of the Reception Center, and members of his staff, Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Commanding General of Fort Benning, decorated the young officer with the Silver Star. After the award had been made, Lt. Curran was honored by a review held by Reception Center soldiers of the 2nd battalion.

Major Boyd C. Baggett, Adjutant of the Reception Center, read the citation, which told of how Lt. Curran, during the invasion of Italy had directed his platoon to open fire on enemy tanks as he himself constantly exposed himself to enemy tank fire, and was seriously wounded by shell fragments.

Lt. Curran came to Fort Benning from Camp Croft, S. C., where he was placed in the Officers Replacement Pool following his return from overseas. Since receiving the Silver Star Award, Lt. Curran has been transferred to Fort Devens, Mass.

After landing in Italy in the invasion of Italy, the citation read, Lt. Curran, platoon leader, led his men toward a certain objective when the platoon was suddenly attacked by five enemy tanks. He skillfully directed his men to deploy along a rock wall, constantly exposing himself to enemy fire. Lt. Curran ordered his grenade launcher riflemen to take positions at the corners of the walls and to open fire on the tanks.

"By his efficient maneuvering of his platoon," continued the citation, "and the skill with which he directed the firing, he was instrumental in putting one of the enemy tanks out of action, the turret being blown off by an exploding grenade. The remaining four tanks were driven away by effective fire. Although severely wounded by shell fragments, Lt. Curran refused to go to the aid station, but continued to lead his platoon until his objective was reached."

Lt. Curran's courageous stand in Italy was made September 9, 1943, while he was with the 36th Infantry Division.

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The group was then whisked over to the Alabama Training Academy where they saw several sticks of jumpers doing the real thing, most for the first time. Several men from the textile field were particularly interested in the parachute themselves and kept Lt. Col. Harvey Jablonsky, Asst. Commandant of The School, busy for some time with their questions.

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as to the relative merits of silk vs. nylon and the like.
Besides the textile industry, other fields represented were steel, meat packing, automotive, aircraft, and warehousing and merchandising.

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Ga. Guardsmen Take Week's Course Here

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Although no Columbusians are members of the present contingent, some are expected to report for the second school period from July 9 through July 15. The present class will end on Saturday.

The guardsmen, who range in years from 15 through 55, have voluntarily applied for the training course. Their instruction will range from handling and firing weapons, such as the rifle, Thompson submachine gun, light machine gun and grenades to learning how to control civil disturbances.

The life of these guardsmen, who come from factories, shops and offices throughout the state, will be that of soldiers for the entire week. They will participate in close order drill, formal parades, and night marches and bivouacs.

Monday morning Col. C. C. Collins, state adjutant general, and members of his staff reported to Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning, the visiting guardsmen are available by the post, The Infantry School and The Parachute School.

Lieut. Col. Reginald H. Wood, commanding officer of Internal Security District, No. 4, with headquarters at Fort Benning, is coordinating plans for the school at Benning.

Chief of Staff of the Guardsmen at Benning, is Lieut. Col. Lee S. Purdom, an attorney of Blackshear, Georgia. Maj. A. R. Rousey is adjutant of the Guardsmen.

Other officers of the Guard unit are: Lieut. Col. George Haines, solicitor general of the Superior court of Augusta, commander of troops; Lieut. Col. Macdonald, commanding officer of the First Battalion; Lieut. Col. William G. Eager, lieutenant, of the Second Battalion; Lieut. Col. Fuller E. Callaway, cotton manufacturer of LaGrange, commanding officer of the Third Battalion.

The unit is quartered in the Flying Pan Area of the Post.

There are two nice things about spring—it brings out the Sweater Girls.

PAY DAY—

(Continued from Page One)
870th Field Artillery Battalion at 2 p. m. and at 809th Tank Battalion at 3 p. m.

Captain Robinson said that in making salary to this personnel the people on duty at the bond tables will be permitted to accept cash only. Potential bond purchasers among officer personnel are therefore requested to cash their salary checks before coming to the bond tables to apply for bonds.

The war bond officer also reminds officers that there is a bond booth set up in the Officers' Club, main branch, which is being operated by members of the Fort Benning Women's Club. This group is on duty at suitable hours whom officers are usually off duty.

BOND BOOK HERE
Meanwhile, the bond officer was able to announce that the dedication book in which purchasers may record the names of servicemen they desire to honor, will be permitted to accept cash only. Bonds bought either for cash or on the pay deduction plan, will be placed in the Main Post Library. Bonds bought either for cash or on the pay deduction plan, will be placed in the Main Post Library.

Brigadier General William H. Hobson, post commander, was the first to inscribe the book. The post commander, commanding the 870th Field Artillery Battalion, dedicated his purchases to the officers and men of the 30th Infantry Regiment which he once commanded. Units of duty at suitable hours whom officers are usually off duty.

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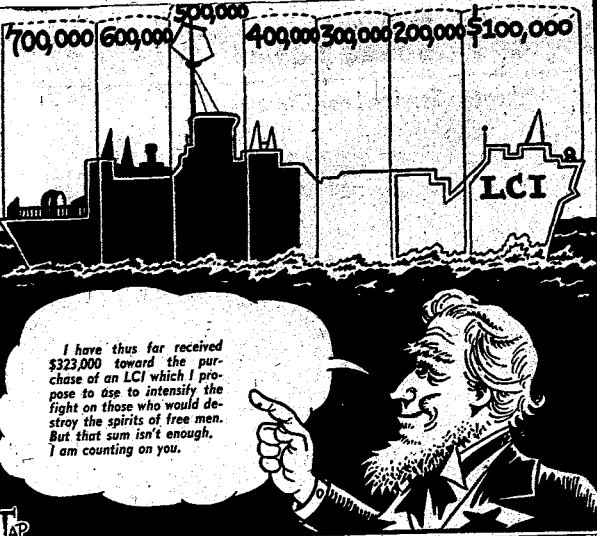
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The men must sign the payroll properly, first name, middle initial and last name, and it must be done on the proper line.

When the payrolls are all made up and signed, they are certified by the personnel officer and then go, in duplicate, to the disbursing officer for processing. From then on, the disbursing officer has the big headache of going over the payrolls, making computations and securing the funds with which to pay them. And it's some headache every month you will be paid.

His military career started in 1918, when he was drafted in his hometown of Springfield, Mass. After a brief assignment with the heavy machine gun school at Camp Hancock he entered upon 24 years of almost constant service at the school.

"We started from scratch in 1919," the sergeant recalls. "Our system of instruction on Infantry weapons had to be developed by trial and error, mostly with little devices which added up to efficiency and safety. Like the clearing block on the heavy machine gun—just a simple piece of wood stuck into the breach when the trigger is cleared. No gun can be fired, accidentally or otherwise, while those blocks remain in place."

MISUNDERSTOOD
"If we went along we developed many similar safety devices and visual aids. The school grew furiously and we had to improve all the time. Once we had 19 men here—and then, before you could turn around, we had over 700 men in the Weapons Section."

Magon's known to his limited military circles. For years he has been a prominent master of ceremonies and announcer at important social and public events both at Fort Benning and in Columbus, Ga. He is well known even to the children of the post—their conception of a kindly, smiling sergeant who has played Kris Kringle at Benning every Christmas for the past 15 years.

He has been married since 1926. His 16 year old son John although only a sophomore, has been elected captain of the Columbus High School football team. He has two other children, Ann, 18, and Bobby, 13.

Now, here's where the importance to you of your own personnel section comes in. It's the personnel section that made out everything correctly, you'll get paid. But if you signed your name wrong, if there's something wrong with the way the deductions and other important items are listed, well, then, brother, you're "redlined."

Only, as was previously mentioned, you aren't actually "redlined" any more. A rubber stamp marked "Not Paid" is stamped against your name. Not that it makes any difference to you, of course.

It's a very rare payroll that comes in from a company without at least one thing that causes somebody's name to be stricken out. But the majority of the men's pay is computed on the payrolls and then the duplicate is sent to the original go in to the comparing section. Here the two must agree. If one computer has allowed a man to be paid whereas the other has redlined him; or if one has allowed a different amount, say, then the comparing section checks and brings the discrepancy into agreement.

Now, if the personnel here can't make things come out even, they bring the item in question to the principal clerk, who has to be a walking compendium of knowledge on all the thousands of typewritten pages containing the rules, regulations and laws.

If possible, he figures the matter out, and may call upon the company clerks for further information, making every effort to see that the man is paid for that month before applying the dreaded redline technique.

Next step in getting the matter out is to send the now completed payrolls to the "change listers," who figure the amount of cash necessary to pay each company roll, then place all rolls on a consolidated "change list" and send along the payrolls, together with the computations, to the Accounting Section.

The Accounting Section, after posting all the payroll amounts and other items to the disbursing officers ledgers and journals, forwards to the disbursing officer or deputy disbursing officer the

Troopers Show West Pointers Speedy Action

Before a group of West Point cadets, Company "G" of the 542nd Parachute Infantry Battalion, demonstrated just how rapidly and how effectively a parachute unit can utilize the deadly shells on the ground. The company, under command of Lieutenant John W. McLaren, displayed techniques in the handling of mortars and machine guns which utterly contradicted previous estimates.

Whereas it has been taught that some 15 minutes are required to place sky-drops on the ground, the men of the 542nd were firing effectively in one-fifth of that time.

Three 81mm mortar squads, each consisting of six men and led by Lieutenant John L. Striegel, Staff Sergeant John S. West, and Sergeant Jack T. Moore began firing the deadly shells on the target just three minutes after shuffling out of the door. Each man was laden with two shells and a mortar which was a gentle reminder to pull the rip cord, just in case.

Under the leadership of Sergeant Chester Jackson and Staff Sergeant Fred Dawson, two squads of 60mm. gunners were employed. The jumpers carried six rounds.

In addition to mortars the company placed four light machine guns into action. Each weapon was handled by a team of troopers with Staff Sergeants Joseph Hines, Fred Dawson, Pearce L. Hines, and John A. Galston in charge.

Despite the presence of many veteran paratroopers, it was only the second tactical jump for the company operating as a unit. It is quite evident that in the field the degree of efficiency already manifested by these men of the 542nd it may not be long before their weapon technique is presented to an exclusive audience of Japs or Nazis.

While installment purchases of War Bonds by troops accounted for more than one-third the bonds sold to Army personnel, they were responsible for nearly two-thirds of the administrative work, requiring excessive clerical work, both by civilian personnel and field officers. This was particularly true at times of discharge of veterans.

Commanding generals are conducting a vigorous campaign to sell "GI" bonds to men who have bought war bonds, or who have placed them on the installment plan.

Stocks of the new "GI" bond will not be available before August, but enlisted men and officers may allot sums for them now. The Army will date the bonds back to the month of purchase as usual deduction.

Until authorization from the War Department, the "GI" bond will not be sold to troops for cash.

rektor of the fiscal division while Capt. Samuel G. Harris, Jr., is disbursing officer and chief of receipts and disbursing branch. Chief of War Branch is Col. W. H. Beckett is chief clerk of the division.

The disbursing branch also handles payment of officers. Mr. Rudolph Butler, a civilian employee, is in charge of this section. The division also makes out checks for the thousands of civilian employees at Fort Benning, but these payrolls are handled through the civilian personnel branch.

MacPhail is principal clerk of the enlisted pay section. A native of Columbus, he was a public accountant before he was called into service. Most of the soldiers, WACs and civilians serving in his section have had banking or accounting experience.

member of the local volunteer life saving corps, taught life saving and first aid, and attended three aquatic schools, where he was on the volunteer faculty.

Prof Sgt.-Major J. F. A.

M. Sgt. W. L. Chaffin, popular sergeant-major of the Academic Regiment, changed the piping on his cap last week and drove over to the 71st Division, where he's now on duty with the 564th Field Artillery. Except for a brief assignment with the Finance Department in 1935, he has been on constant duty at The Infantry School since his enlistment in 1937, serving first with the 29th Infantry and then with the Infantry School Detachment (the Academic Regiment in the table stage). He activated F Company as a sergeant in 1940, then as a "master" as sergeant-major.

Sgt. Chaffin has been succeeded by 1st Sgt. Tommie F. Campbell, former topkick of Company B, who was promoted to master sergeant this week. Sgt. Campbell has had 15 years' experience in the Quartermaster Corps and the Infantry.

WATER—

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silently to duck under water in escaping enemy machine gun fire, and how to rescue an injured comrade by the use of a simple bucket as a float.

14th Infantry Reg't Organizes Drum And Bugle Corps

Instituted by Col. P. E. LeSturgeon, commanding officer of the 4th Infantry of the Infantry School Troops, the regimental Drum and Bugle Corps of the Fourth was started last March for the purpose of providing military music for retreat formations, reviews and other ceremonies of the 4th Infantry.

Leader of the Corps is S-Sgt. William J. Chaitrow, of Company C, who started the organization with only two buglers, and built it up to the excellent 30-man unit which now handles musical duties for the Fourth. The Corps takes the place of a regimental band, which is no longer a part of the tables of organization in an Infantry regiment.

Corps present the Drum and Bugle Corps consists of 24 bugles and six snare drums. Pvt. Graygrass of Company G, is assistant leader of the Corps.

Music has been traditional with the Fourth Infantry as with the Army. At Fort Richardson, where the Fourth was in Alaska, in addition to the regular regimental band, the Fourth also had a Drum

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PERK-UP—

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laugh-a-minute. Ben does a comedy song and dance and chips in with plenty of satire that is strictly hilarious.

McDonald has headed the laugh department in shows playing such distant points as Australia, New Zealand, India, Malaysia, South Africa, Singapore, Java, Borneo, China, Mexico and Canada during his two world tours. He's also been featured on the radio network and made a couple of movie appearances.

For beauty and leg-appeal, there will be these "Twins in Taps," the Watkins Sisters. They are a comedy singing duo in addition to their dance work, and they provide a neat trick of toe dancing on a drum that deserves plenty of applause. Most recently they have appeared in clubs and hotels in the mid-West.

Deede Darnell is a capricious little litherbug rhythm songstress with a bouncing style of delivery that the boys really go for. She's straight from Gotham night clubs and works mostly in light comedy dance.

Dancer Helene Denison specializes mostly in ballet and interpretative work and has danced in most of the big theaters here and abroad, including the Metropolitan Opera House, Radio City Music Hall, the N. Y. Paramount and others.

GIRL O' YESTERDAY
In contrast to the modern entertainment, that famed "Girl O' Yesterday," Kay Parsons, will also be on hand to do some reminiscing with the "GI's" at Benning. She plays her own accompaniment for her old-time songs and will sing anything the boys desire. She was a big star at Billy Rose's famed Casa Manana, and also produced and starred in her own show known as "Kay Parsons' Show Boat."

To complete the cast of "Perk Up," there will be Daredevil Dault, a comedy acrobatic dancer, and Carl Keller, pianist and musical conductor.

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Reception Center Field To Bear Hero's Name

Truman K. Gibson, civilian aide to the Hon. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, and one of the outstanding leaders of the Negro reception center, will be the principal speaker at the July 4 dedication of the George Watson Memorial Field at the Reception Center at Fort Benning, Ga., which will be the principal speaker at the July 4 dedication of the George Watson Memorial Field at the Reception Center at Fort Benning, Ga., which will be the principal speaker at the July 4 dedication of the George Watson Memorial Field at the Reception Center at Fort Benning, Ga.

The field is being dedicated to the Fort Benning Reception Center's first inductee to receive the Distinguished Service Cross, Pvt. Watson, who was inducted September 1, 1942, from Birmingham, Ala., lost in the Redwood Harbor, New Guinea. He had assisted several men to safety on a raft from their sinking boat. Then, overcome by exhaustion, was pulled under and drowned by the suction created by the boat.

The Reception Center is planning a parade for 10 a. m. on July 4 and dedicatory ceremonies at 2 p. m. which will be attended by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, Laura Triplett, aunt of Pvt. Watson, and the late Pvt. Watson's half-brother, Jesse Hill, both of Birmingham. In addition various post unit commanders, staff officers, and their wives have been invited to sit in the reviewing stands.

The afternoon ceremony will include the address by Dr. Gibson, followed by the singing of the Center Chorus; music by the Reception Center Band; and the simultaneous unveiling of the bronze plaque and the granite rock bearing the plaque, and the unfurling of the flag carrying the

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DR. T. K. GIBSON, civilian aide to Secretary Stimson, who will speak at Watson Field ceremonies July 4. (Photo courtesy Columbus World.)

Widow Joined WAC To Keep A Dad Home

Because a widow "knows what a home is like without a father," Sergeant Major in the 4th Battalion, 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, joined the Women's Army Corps. As she sees it, enough women in the service probably would prevent the drafting of fathers.

Barkes was left a widow with two infant children. During the years that followed, she not only raised them properly but proved that a woman can be a mother and a father if she so desires.

It was on her son Arnold's 21st birthday, July 28, 1943, that Sergeant Barkes took the oath making her a full-fledged member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. A month later she received her pledge as a member of the Women's Army Corps.

Soft spoken and tall with light complexion and brown hair, it is hard to believe Sergeant Barkes is the mother of a son, who at present is store-keeper, third class, aboard one of Uncle Sam's mighty battle-wagons, and also a daughter, Norma, 20, who is expected to marry an officer in the Infantry next month.

Molly Picon Gives Sterling Performance

Molly Picon, famed Yiddish American actress, paid but a short visit to Fort Benning last Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, but she left behind her a trail of heart-warming laughter which will reverberate long in the memories of the many hundreds of soldiers who were lucky enough to witness her two performances at the post.

Miss Picon who has captured the secret of making her audiences laugh with her and not at her has been rolling Broadway and international audiences in the aisles with her antics, dialects, and pantomime for many a year, but at Benning she was never better as she drew out every trick she had in her bag to give the boys a rollicking good time.

A past master of impersonation the comedienne gave a varied performance in which she poured Yiddish and English into a cocktail shaker, but whatever the concoction, it produced gales of laughter.

The inimitable Molly sang a number of Yiddish and English songs, and in one skit she combined a series of songs to demonstrate how she had progressed from the staid old songs of long ago to the modern jitter-bug period.

In a hilarious series of skits she portrayed the "Story of the Shawl" which follows the progress of a woman in America's melting pot from the time she arrives here on the boat as a "greenhorn" to the period in which her husband becomes a congressman and then to her widowed old age; each time period is marked by a change of position of the shawl.

She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Franklin who proved a master in her own field. Miss Picon brought with her husband and director, Jacob Glick.

RECEIVES GIFT
Miss Picon, who appeared under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board as a part of its cultural program for Jewish soldiers and sailors, was introduced at the Children's School performance by Brigadier General William H. Hobson, post commander. At the conclusion of her work at the Children's School General Hobson presented Miss Picon with a bracelet made up of insignia of various army and branch of service and centered with the Star of David as a gift from the soldiers of Fort Benning in appreciation of her work.

She was also guest of honor at a dinner Friday night at the Officers Club extended several dignitaries. Saturday she was taken on a tour of the post by Lt. Col. A. H. Veazey, post special services officer.

—J. W. S.



DRINKING A FAREWELL TOAST from the famous 14th Infantry punch bowl, Col. H. Y. Lyons, right, C. O. of the 14th, and Major General Edwin F. Harding, formerly of the Caribbean Defense Command, says farewell to Panama where the 14th Infantry Regiment spent 22 years before returning to the States to become part of the 71st Division. Treasured as one of the "Junglers" the Government in appreciation of the services rendered during the China Relief Expedition. On July 8, 1900, the 14th, as Chafie, received its orders for China and landed at Taku on July 28. On August 14 the historic Battle of Peking began and it was the lot of the 14th to lead the entry of the victorious Allied troops into the fallen city the following afternoon.

School Children Visit Special Training Reg't

In connection with their studies at the summer school workshop being conducted by Fort Valley State College, Spencer High School, Columbus, Ga., seventy-one students with their teachers will visit the Special Training Regiment of the Reception Center Friday morning for observations of methods used in the training of educationally handicapped soldiers.

Arriving on the Post at 8 o'clock, the group, composed of Columbus and Muscogee County teachers enrolled for study under the new workshop plan of Fort Valley, will spend a half day in the STR, and plan to make tours in all four battalions. Hermese Johnson, director of the summer school course, who made arrangement for the visit, stated that her group will be especially interested in visual aid and its results in accelerated educational program such as that now being carried out by the United States Army.

The Special Training Regiment, in its general present form, was organized nearly a year ago, and is one of the largest units of its kind in the U. S. Army. Sixteen companies comprise the four battalions of soldiers now learning to read, and write, with visual aid, including training films, the equivalent of four years of education is given the STR trainees within twelve weeks.

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Prof Sergeant Retires After 28-Year Tour

Twenty-eight years of battle and peacetime service in Germany, the States and the territories came to a memorable end this week for Master Sergeant Morris Newmark, of the 14th Infantry Regiment, when Maj. Gen. C. H. Bonesteel of recent Commandant of the Infantry School, told him that his retirement is a real loss to the Army.

"The long and faithful service of soldiers like you is an inspiration to the officers and men with whom you are associated," the general remarked in a letter of commendation which he presented to the veteran in person.

But Sgt. Newmark said that so long as his country is at war he cannot consider himself as really returning to civilian life. "I hope to be able to work for the government in some job directly linked to the war effort," he said as he left Fort Benning to join his wife in their home in The Bronx, N. Y.

Before his assignment last year to the Operations Office of the School Troops Brigade, Sgt. Newmark had seen continuous service with Regular Infantry regiments in the Mexican border with the famous "Old Guard" Third Infantry. Two months after declaration of World War I he went overseas with the First Division. He earned five battle stars on his Victory Medal, and then spent nine months with the Army of Occupation before returning to the States in 1919.

After soldiering in practically every section of the nation during the peace years, he went to the 14th Infantry in Panama and then to the 1st in the Philippines. Just three months before Pearl Harbor he left the Pacific theater to become an acting first sergeant at Fort Devens, Mass. While the Tenth Armored Division was in training at Fort Benning he came here as first sergeant of Headquarters Company, 11th Armored Regiment.

He was promoted to the highest enlisted rank of master sergeant after his transfer to The Infantry School.

"Mr. Morris Newmark is now residing at 1868 Sheridan Ave., The Bronx, N. Y.

Music Selected For Main Post Chapel Services

The morning choir will sing for the Anthem, "Intercessory Prayer" by Edward German, which is a prayer for the nation.

The offertory will be sung by Pvt. Billy Carr, tenor, from Rail-Zell, Montana. Pvt. Carr will sing "Hymn of the Last Supper," especially suited to the Communion service.

The words and music of this well known solo were written by the Victoria Booth Demarest, a granddaughter of Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army.

The children's choir will sing at the 6:30 service. Rehearsal Sunday night to Daisy Leedy and Eleanor Pollock for best attendance.

New members are always welcome in both choirs. Rehearsal Friday night at 6 o'clock for juniors and 8 o'clock for seniors choir.

When Ma and Pa Fieldthrush built a nest directly in the approach to the runway on the landing strip at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, it was not to be disturbed. Soon thereafter, the pilots discovered they were the godfathers of five little thrushes. Their pleasure in guardianship was short-lived, however, for one morning they arrived at the landing strip to beam on their charges,

Military Police Detachments Organized Here

Formation of Military Police Detachments, Section I and II, will become effective July 1, it was announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander.

Re-organization of Headquarters Detachment, under which the Military Police personnel previously had been administered, will be made with DEMIL sub-section and Finance sub-section. The new Military Police Detachment will be under command of Capt. Marshall E. Bullock while Capt. Samuel E. Lowry will remain in charge of the re-organized Headquarters Detachment, Section I.

Headquarters Detachment, Section II, will remain as at present, with no sub-sections and all personnel will be considered DEMIL.

RA VETERAN
Capt. Bullock is a veteran of 25 years in the regular Army, and formerly has served as a non-commissioned officer in three regiments now stationed at Fort Benning—the 4th in Harmony Church as Infantry School troops, and the 5th and 14th now with the 1st Infantry Division in Sand Hill area.

A native of Tyler, Texas, Miss. he served with the Army of Occupation in Germany, becoming a sergeant in Company D of the 5th Regiment. He then saw service in Panama as first sergeant of M Company of the 14th Infantry and from 1936 to 1940 he was first sergeant of D Company of the 19th Infantry, then in Hawaii under command of Maj. Gen. (then Colonel) Charles M. Bonesteel, recent commandant of The Infantry School. He then was assigned to the Fourth Infantry Regiment and went with that unit to Alaska where he was commissioned a first lieutenant on Nov. 2, 1942.

FMS INSTRUCTOR
He was made a captain in October 1943. He went to Ft. Custer, remaining for 18 months as an instructor before coming to Fort Benning on March 12, 1944. He is married and a son now is taking the Naval V-12 course at the University of Michigan. Capt. and Mrs. Bullock live at 2222 Garden Drive, Columbus.

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